

**Commissioners Meeting
July 21, 2015**

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler, Chuck Painter

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2nd. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from July 7th. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Hwy Report

Logsdon reported that CR 600E has been rocked leading toward the Deom property. It appears that utility lines have been run down the road also and Logsdon requested that Mike Johannes who was in attendance, inquire with the Town of Santa Claus whether or not these lines would be run underneath the road or alongside it. Logsdon stated that if the lines were to be run underneath the road, he would never be in favor of paving that road. Johannes stated that he will look into it.

INDOT Agreement

Painter presented an unofficial detour to close SR 66 just east of Grandview for a bridge repair. The detour roads will be Old SR 245, 600N, and 550E out to SR 66. It is anticipated that the road will be closed for 21 days. Logsdon made a motion to accept the agreement. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CEDIT Plan

Painter informed the Commissioners that after going over the CEDIT plan and budget that he will have to go before the Council and request an additional appropriation. The beginning budget was 2 million and we are now down to around \$602,000.00 with 1 district left to bid out. Painter stated that he would have to request probably \$300,000.00 to complete the roads and finish striping. Painter will get the additional in for the August meeting.

Luce Township Trustee, Sarah Frederick, contacted the Highway Dept. about putting rock in a cemetery and rocking a culvert in Luce Twp. Painter asks if this is the counties responsibility. Logsdon suggested that Lindsey investigate if this is a county requirement and let Painter know.

A 25 mph speed limit sign has been posted on Brewery Street in St. Meinrad.

Painter stated he had a stop sign and dead end sign placed at the end of CR 600E and would speak with Mr. Deom about removing the gate that he has up across the road. Lindsey stated that Mr. Deom has already been told that the gate needed to be taken down and instructed Painter to go ahead and proceed with removing the gate.

Scott Meadors

Meadors stated we need to proceed with getting the radio noise tracked down and move towards getting it fixed. He has spoke with Beau Hoover from Louisiana and his rate is \$150.00 per hour plus travel expenses. Advanced Radio, a local company is confident that they can track it. After a recent Fire Chief meeting, Meadors has discovered that the noise is heard much more in the southern part of the county, than he is hearing it in Dale. He hears the noise maybe once or twice a day and the south is hearing it multiple times a day. It is an external source causing this problem or it would be heard the same county wide. Logsdon ask the owner of Advanced Radio if there has been an advance in technology, because the last time they ask him about this problem he stated it would be like shooting at a moving target. He stated there has not been an advance, but they have tracked interruptions before and he feels that if it's a consistent noise they should be able to find it. Logsdon ask if there is a possibility that the interruption is internal

and was told that everything internal has been checked. The Commissioners were told there would be a \$55.00/hr rate plus mileage expense if they choose to hire Advanced Radio to track it. Logsdon made a motion for Advanced to begin researching the problem with a limit of no more than 20 hours initially and at that time to report back the findings. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Mike Johannes & John Bowen – Town of Santa Claus

Johannes and Bowen came to do a presentation about the Town of Santa Claus trails project. This project is a \$10,000,000.00 project with 80% currently funded by State and Federal grants. Construction for this project will begin in late Fall and completion is anticipated by 2017. The hope for this project is that it will become incorporated with the national set of trails across the country. An organization, Trails of Santa Claus, Inc., has been established to assist with soliciting funds to complete the project. It is believed that this trail system will provide a large increase in tourism. Spencer County is well known for its tourism and these trails will only add to that.

4 separate trails are included in this project:

1. Yellig Park to Christmas Lake Trail
2. Lincoln Discover to National Park Trail
3. Westside Connector
4. East Side Connector

Johannes and Bowen are requesting a partnership with Spencer County and seeking \$400,000.00 to do the necessary road completion for CR 1650. CR 1625 is being abandoned and CR 1650 is being extended for this project. They will be in attendance at the County Council meeting to make this request. The tourism season is mainly in the Spring, Summer months and they feel this will cause an increase in the off-season. Bowen and Johannes presented many statistics and a large amount of information regarding this project.

New Business

Stephanie Melton-EMA

Melton stated that the EMA Ford Explorer was in need of a new motor. This vehicle is needed to pull the water rescue boat. Melton explained that the Ford Explorer was hooked up to the boat at all times, due to the necessity of always being ready to just pull out in the case of an emergency. Gogel ask Melton if she had the money for the repair and she stated she did not. They ask her why a separate vehicle was needed to just sit hooked up to the boat, could someone not just pull up and hook on when an emergency occurs. She felt this would take too much time in the event of an emergency, but was told that this might be the necessary option, due to the county not having additional funds for this large of an expense. The Explorer is an old vehicle and it is not practical to put that much money into it. Melton explained that the Explorer holds all of the life jackets and additional materials needed for water rescue, because they can't leave everything in the boat and take a chance of things flying out going down the road. Logsdon suggested that a boat cover be purchased and that all equipment remain in the boat. Melton will look into the cost of a boat cover and put the Explorer up for sale. The only other vehicle remaining, not in use, is the bread truck which has been stripped and will be sold for scrap.

Polling Locations – Gay Ann Harney

Harney presented the Notice to Voters of polling locations for the November 3, 2015 election. Logsdon made a motion to approve the polling locations. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Harney requested permission for the use of the courthouse for the Civil War Ball on Sept. 10, 2016. The year 2016 will be the Indiana Bi-centennial and Harney wants to focus on making next year a large event. There will be a torch relay through the state that will end in Spencer County. Harney ask if it would be acceptable to also have a Civil War re-enactment on the courthouse lawn, a possible dance in the parking lot, and maybe a root beer and ice cream social in the Auditorium. The request also included allowing the re-enactment crew to camp on the courthouse lawn. This would all be planned in accordance with the state bi-centennial celebration and would hopefully be a sanctioned event. Logsdon made a motion to approve Harney's request contingent on liability insurance covering the campers and all events. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

COBRA Rates

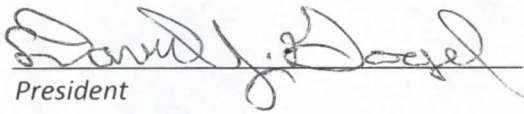
Gogel presented the new COBRA rates for approval due to the August 1st renewal. Logsdon made a motion to approve the new COBRA rates. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon suggested that Pharmacy Benefits be put on the August 4th agenda to discuss the possibility of any changes in coverage or company.

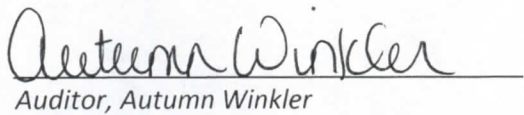
September Meeting Dates

Logsdon requested that both meetings in September be moved to the Friday following the regular scheduled date. This will change the September 1st meeting to September 4th and the September 15th meeting to September 18th. Logsdon made a motion to approve changing the meeting dates. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.



President
Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

